

TNI Stationary Source Audit Sample Expert Committee Teleconference  
April 2, 2013, 1403 PM, EST- draft

**Attendance:**

Maria Friedman – Chair TestAmerica (Laboratory)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Mike Hayes Linde (Provider)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Michael Klein New Jersey DEP (State government)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Theresa Lowe CCI Environmental (Stationary Source Tester)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Paul Meeter Weston Solutions (Stationary Source Tester)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Gregg O’Neal, North Carolina DAQ (State government)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Michael Schapira Enthalpy (Laboratory)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Jim Serne TRC Solutions (Stationary Source Tester)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Stanley Tong EPA Region 9 (Federal government)	Committee member	<b>Present</b>
Ty Garber Phenova (Provider)	Associate member	absent
Shawn Kassner Phenova (Provider)	Associate member	<b>Present</b>
Mike Miller (Member at large)	Associate member	absent
William (Bill) Hirt ACLASS (Provider Accreditor)	Guest	<b>Present</b>
William Daystrom TNI (Webmaster)	Guest	<b>Present</b>
Wayne Stollings (Triangle Environmental Services, Laboratory)	Guest	<b>Present</b>
Charles Simon (VOC Reporting, Laboratory)	Guest	<b>Present</b>

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1403 hours EDT by the chair, Maria Friedman.

[1] Double-check receipt of documents to be referenced in this teleconference

All present confirmed receipt of the documents (3-26-13 draft minutes, M25 blank description from "Alternate Method 25Z", blank discussion.pdf).

[2] Review and approve minutes from teleconference on March 26, 2013.

Maria corrected Geneva Bowman's name and one typo was fixed. The minutes then passed as amended. Maria announced that the 2-19-13 minutes had also passed by email vote.

### (2) Provider Update

Maria has not heard from Candace on posting of the two accredited providers' products on the EPA website. They are not posted as of today. Both providers have their products posted on their own websites in the same order as the SSAS table. Neither provider offers Method 25 audit samples at this time.

### (3) Continue discussion of M25 Subcommittee blank recommendations: the working documents are "Method 25 blank.doc" and "blank discussion.pdf").

William sent out a pdf of all the email blank discussions. Members discussed the pros and cons of each type of blank – trip blank and audit blank. Mike Klein said the pilot audit study results came out much better when the trip blank was applied. Wayne was concerned that the trip blank would not measure potential contamination from the M25 controllers. Charles said that the audit sample served this purpose and that the trip blank would only subtract the method background from equipment and instruments. Any problems with dirty equipment or bad technique would show up in the audit results, as intended.

Shawn suggested the blank analysis could be held until/if needed. Jim said whatever blank is chosen, the results should be listed along with the audit results so everyone can track them. Maria said this makes sense and we would have to make arrangements with the providers. There will be special interest in the low audit versus blank results.

There was a call for vote. A roll call vote resulted in the selection of a trip blank. The committee suggested that the description of the audit blank be kept in the method somehow. Charles said this could be done as NOTE to be applied when attempting to track down contamination sources.

This concludes the discussion and voting by the TNI-SSAS committee on Method 25 improvement recommendations to be presented to EPA. Charles has formatted all of the committee-approved recommendations into "Alternate Method 25Z" in color coded (**blue**) font. Charles will send a copy of the completed document to everyone in 1-2 weeks along with an introduction that explains the reasons behind each recommendation.

Charles said that "Alternate Method 25Z" will also contain some language, mostly as NOTES, which he and Wayne felt was important to include but was not discussed or approved by the TNI-SSAS committee. This text is also color-coded (**red**).

After final review, "Alternate Method 25Z" will be sent to the US EPA.

The next TNI-SSAS committee teleconference will be on May 7, 2013. The meeting was adjourned at 1459 hours EDT.